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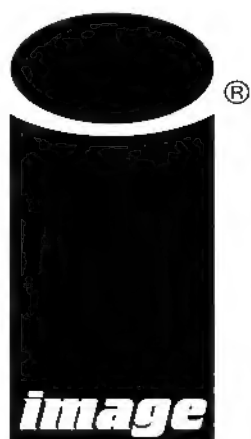


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SHE-DRAGON BAPTISM OF FIRE

HERE I AM, THE
SENSATIONAL
SHE-DRAGON.

A POOR GIRL HURLED
INTO THE DANGEROUS
DIMENSION-X BY THAT
MISCHIEVOUS IMP,
MR. GLUM! *

THANKFULLY
THAT LITTLE RED
RASCAL THREW
MY STUFF INTO
DIMENSION-X!

IT'S BAD ENOUGH
THAT I'M TRAPPED
IN THIS DEADLY
DIMENSION--IT
WOULD BE EVEN
WORSE IF I HAD TO
FACE IT ALL IN MY
NAUGHTY NIGHTIE!

* IT HAPPENED BACK IN SAVAGE DRAGON #117, REMEMBER?

WHAT WAS MR.
GLIM DOING
ANYWAY?

HE WAS SNEAKING
OUT OF DRAGON'S ROOM
WITH SOME KIND OF GUN
IN HIS HAND. I HOPE HE
DIDN'T SMOOT DRAGON
OR ANYTHING!

I TRIED TO STOP HIM--
I CHASED HIM INTO THE
FIFTH LIBERTY LEAGUE
HEADQUARTERS BENEATH
DRAGON'S HOUSE AND HE
KICKED ME STRAIGHT INTO
THIS CRAZY PLACE!

AT LEAST I
CAN BREATHE
HERE.

WHEREVER
"HERE" IS!

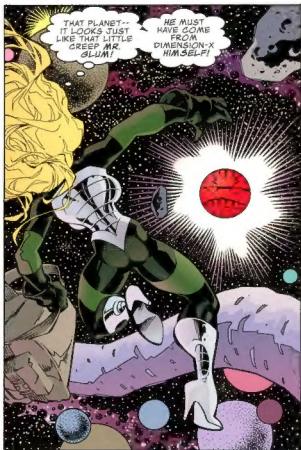
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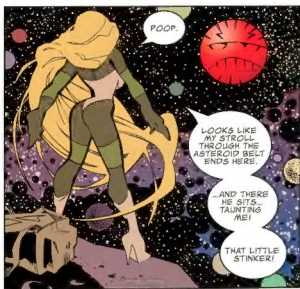
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IS NOT
GOOD.

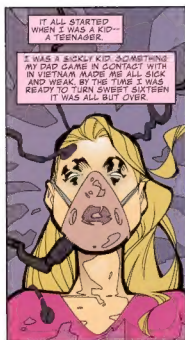
I DON'T
KNOW WHERE
TO START!

WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO
DO NOW?

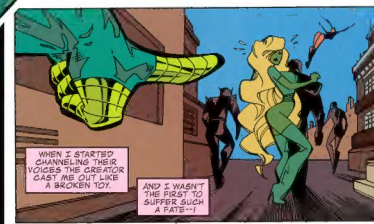
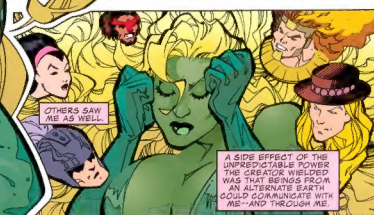
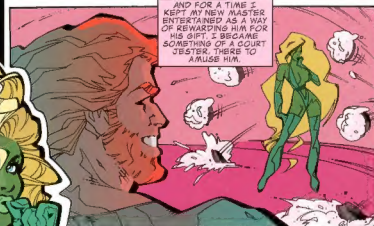








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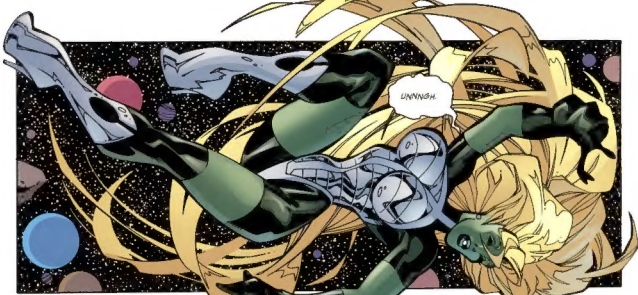


IEEEAAGH!

BIG WEIRD
FLYING
MONSTER
THING!

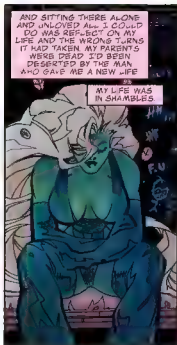
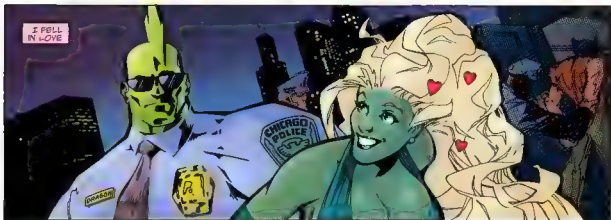
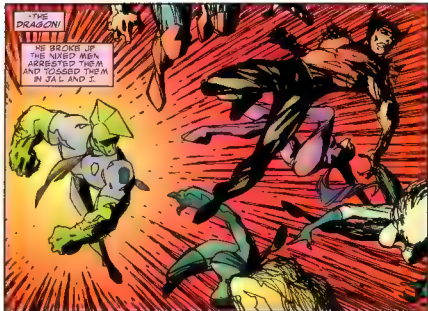
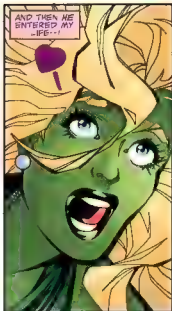








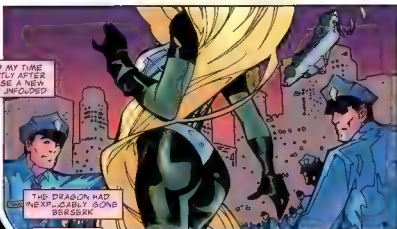






AND I WAS BORN
AGAIN AS THE
SENSATIONAL
SHE-DRAGON!

I SERVED MY TIME
AND SHORTLY AFTER
MY RELEASE A NEW
CRISIS HAD UNFOLDED



THE DRAGON HAD
UNEXPECTEDLY GONE
BERSERK

I THOUGHT I
COULD HELP



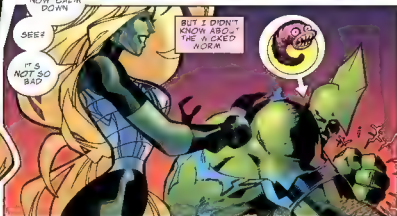
YOO-HOO!
DRAGON

NOW CALM
DOWN

SEE?

IT'S
NOT SO
BAD

BUT I DIDN'T
KNOW ABOUT
THE WICKED
WORM



AND WHAT
I WAS DOING TO
HIS WIND



POW!

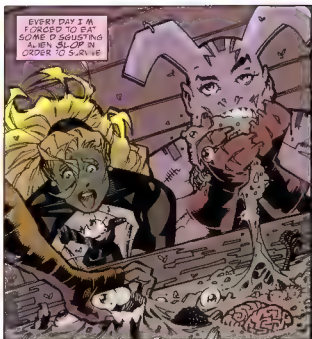
POSSESSED
H.M.

AND MADE HIM
DO THINGS HE
WOULD NEVER
HAVE DONE
OTHERWISE

AND I GOT
THE WORST
OF IT

BRANNA-BR-DOOM!

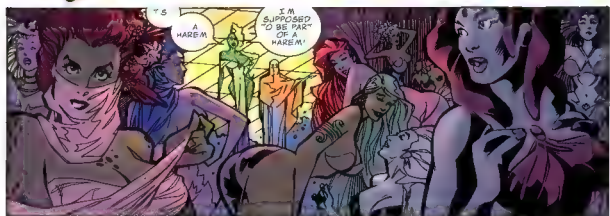
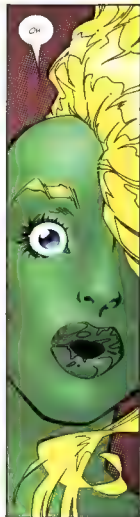
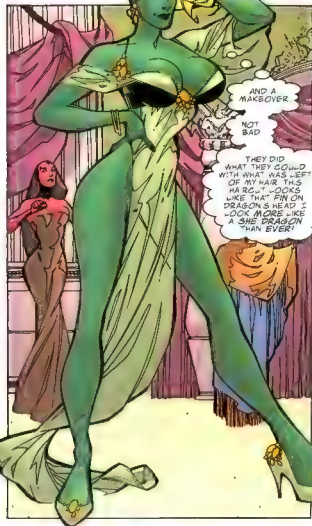








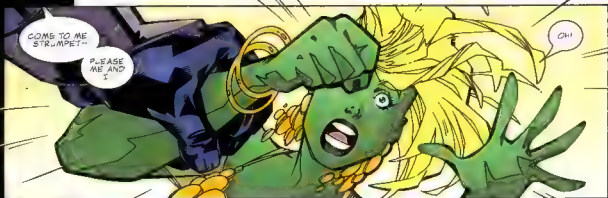




WELCOME
NEW BLOOD

I AM
GORGOD, THE
EMPEROR AND
WARLORD OF
THRALL







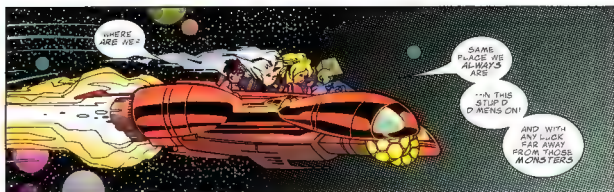
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DOWN!

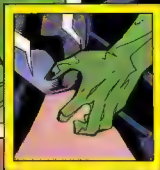
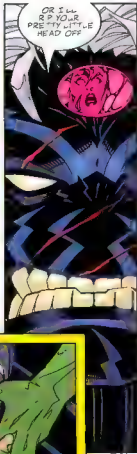
PLEASE,
MACGILL!

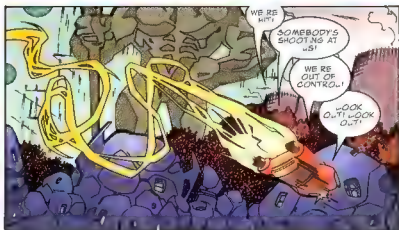
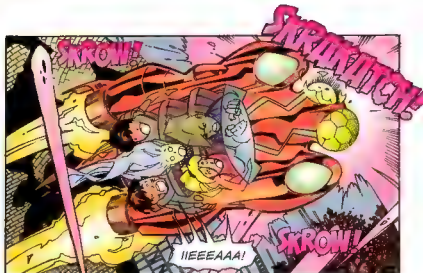
WE MUST
HAVE GOTTEN
AWAY FROM
THEM BY
NOW!

OKAY
OKAY!

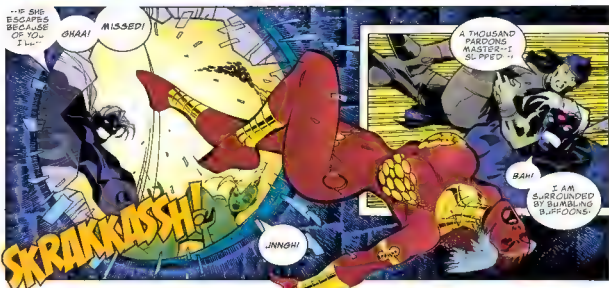
I JUST
WANTED TO BE
SURE--THAT'S
ALL!





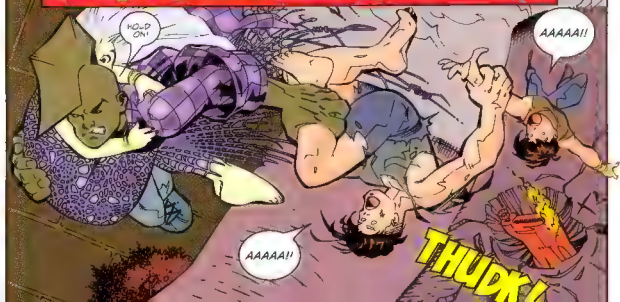
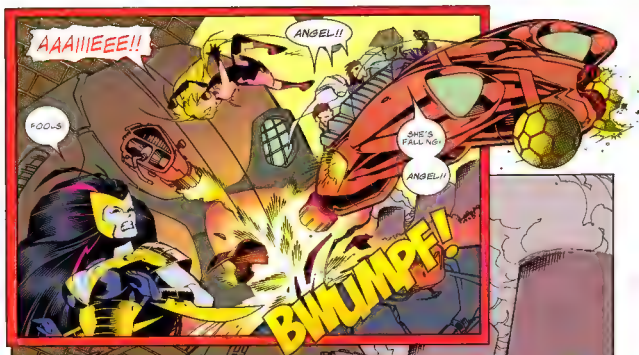


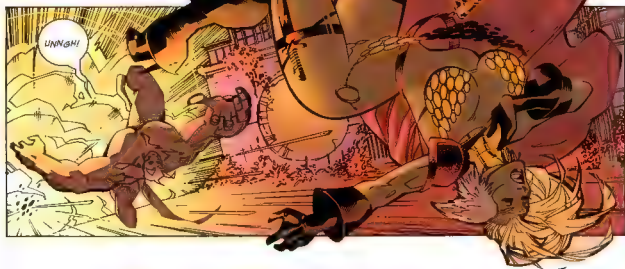
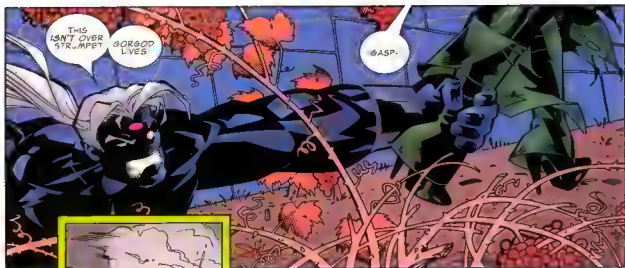


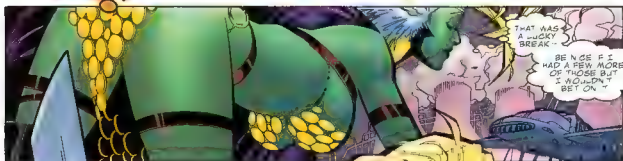




HOLD THAT FOR A SECOND WILL YOU MON?

















LOOK!

EVERYBODY
ELSE IS
LEAVING
TOO!

WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE?

WHAT'S
GONE
ONE

EVERYBODY'S
BEING SHOWN
INTO SHIPS AND
HAULED OUT
OF HERE

WHERE'S
ANGEL?

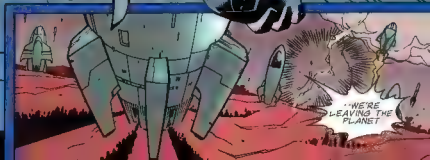
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO ANGEL?
DID SHE
MAKE IT?

IS SHE
ALIVE?? IS
SHE??

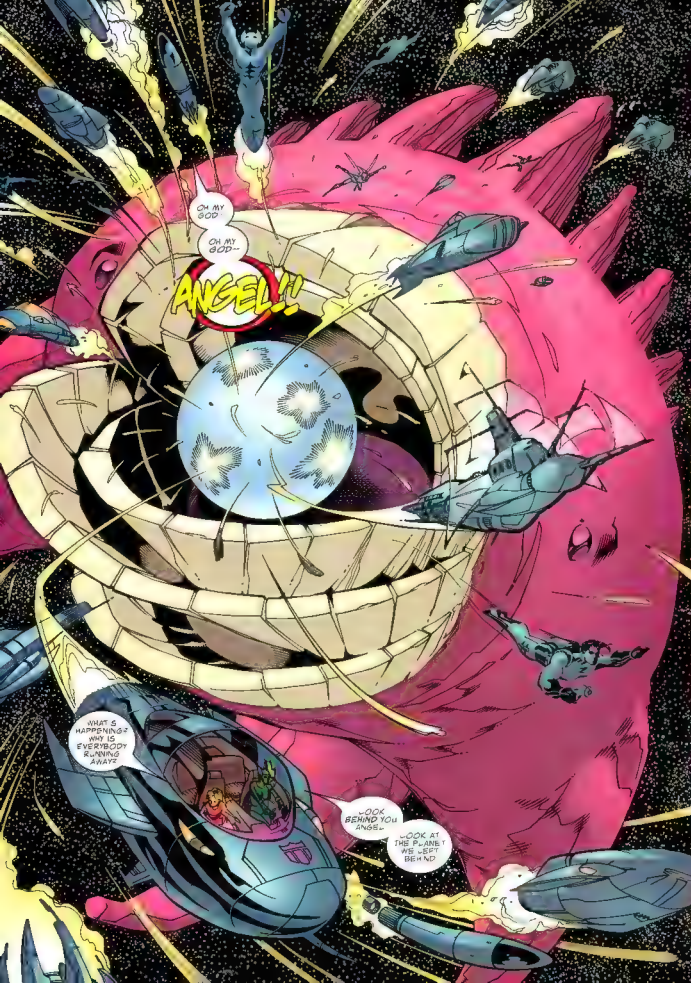


HOLD ON
MA'AM WE
RE TAKING
OFF

0.0



WE'RE
LEAVING THE
PLANET



OH MY GOD!!
OH MY GOD!!

ANGEL!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHO IS EVERYBODY
RUNNING AWAY?

LOOK
BEHIND YOU
ANGEL!

LOOK AT
THE PULSING
RED LIGHT BEHIND

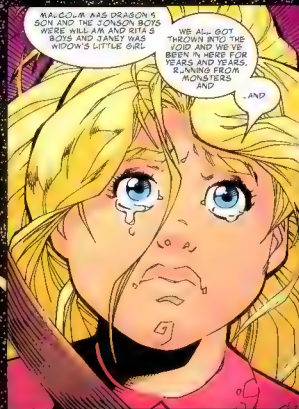


NAUGUM
WAS WITH ME -
AND THE CONSON
TWIN - AND
JANET AND
NOW

NOA
THEY'RE ALL
DEAD!
AND
NOW

I
DON'T

I DON'T
KNOW WHO
THEY ARE



NAUGUM WAS DRAGON'S
SON AND THE CONSON BOYS
WERE WILLIAM AND RITA'S
BOYS AND JANET WAS
NIDON'S LITTLE GIRL

WE ALL GOT
THROWN INTO THE
KID AND WE'VE
BEEN HERE FOR
YEARS AND YEARS,
RUNNING FROM
MONSTERS
AND

AND



AND
NOW THEY'RE
ALL DEAD

BAWK!

IT'S
OKAY
OKAY

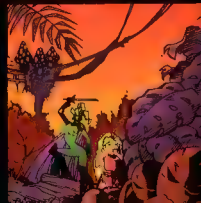
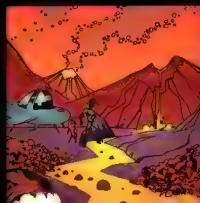
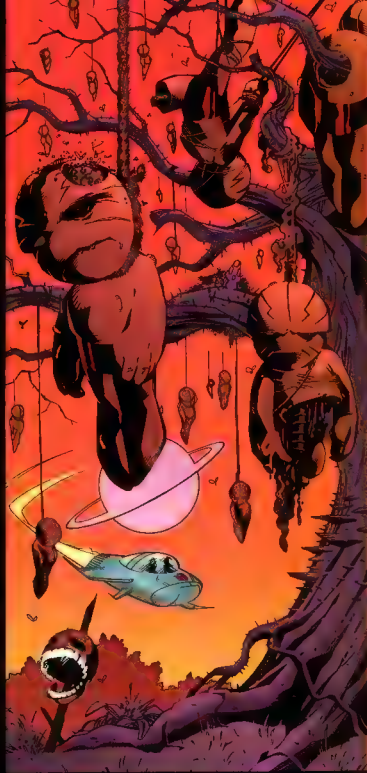
I'VE
FIND
THE WAY TO
MAKE IT
OKAY



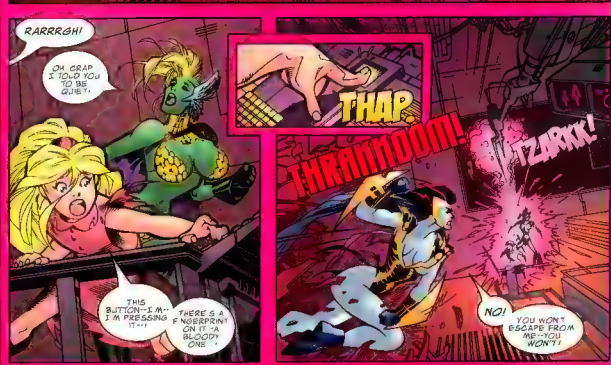
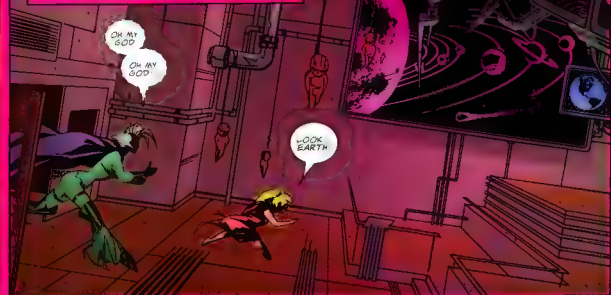
I AM SORRY
TO TAKE
YOU HOME
ANGEL



AND I
KNOW JUST
THE WAY TO
GET THERE









GRARR!

UUP



WHAT?

WHERE?

THIS IS
THIS IS WHERE
DRAGON'S HOME
WAS!

IT'S GONE
DESTROYED!

SLUM!!

YOU
THREW ME INTO
D MENSION-X
TRIED TO END MY
LIFE, AND DESTROYED
THIS LITTLE G-R-S
HOME! I'M COMING
FOR YOU, G-U-M!

I'M
COMING
FOR YOU!

AFTERWORD

And there you have it.

She-Dragon's story picks up in the very next issue of *Savage Dragon*, (on sale soon) which also features those lovable lawbreakers from Mark Millar and J.G. Jones' caustic classic *WANTED*.

Now, originally, when we first started this project (Jimmy Carter was still in office, if memory serves me) we thought it would be cool to run a mess of my layouts (which Franchesco worked off of for the first 26 pages of this book) or a lot of Franchesco's preliminary art (and there's PLENTY of that, believe me--this is a guy who lives breathes and...does other things...She-Dragon. But once I got into writing this yarn and the pages started pouring in, we just couldn't stop! The book was slated to run 48-pages, you see but one scene lead to another which lead to another and as much as we would have liked to have capped it at 40 or even 42 pages to leave ample space to show off all the cool behind-the-scenes stuff, we just couldn't do it!

She-Dragon wouldn't LET us!

But--that's how things go sometimes.

At this point I really should bend your ear and fill you in on all the odd details that permeate this publication. For those neophytes unfamiliar with *Savage Dragon* and all of the characters found within, this book may very well leave you with a question or two.

Y'see, *Savage Dragon* started out on--let's call it "Earth A." He had a mess of adventures there and somewhere around #75, he managed to make his way to an alternate earth after having killed a time-traveling foe and causing some devastating ripple effect. After #76, Dragon was on Earth B where things were quite different (in some cases) and quite the same (in others). Sometime later, Dragon went back to Earth A only to discover that yet another Dragon (this time an "Evil" Dragon from yet another alternate Earth dubbed Dark World) had taken his place. Needless to say, a fight broke out and this Dragon ended up getting horribly scarred

and tossed into Dimension-X. That's HIM on the last page of this volume. Where THAT scene will ultimately lead us, remains to be seen but at least you know who HE is. He's bad news.

Dimension-X is a strange place that bridges all realities. Earth scientist Rex Dexter once theorized that through Dimension-X you could go anywhere from across the street to across the galaxy and into the past, future or any reality ever. The natives call it Dimension-X, but it's often referred to as "the Void" by folks here on Earth (A or B).

Dragon, ultimately, chose to go back to Earth B because he felt that his presence was more in need there. Besides, on Earth A, Dragon's wife Jennifer had died and he was hoping to be reunited with a living version of her on Earth B.

The things we do for love.

Later, in both realities, a power absorbing being named Universo visited Earth. Earth A was destroyed but not before a few mysterious strangers pitched Dragon's adopted daughter Angel, his son Malcolm, the twin sons of his friends William and Rita Jonson and Janey, the daughter of the superpowered sweetheart Widow into Dimension-X in order to save them. Earth B was saved, thanks, in a large part, to the efforts of the *Savage Dragon* (and THAT Earth's Angel, his adopted daughter--Dragon was reunited with Jennifer and the two were later wed).

Ah love.

Rex Dexter had lost his best friend and daughter in Dimension-X years ago. And, as a favor, the Dragon went in and caused quite a ruckus in an attempt to save them. He managed to rescue Rex's daughter, who later died, and an amnesiac that was later dubbed Ben Blank. And, in Dimension-X, the legend of the *Savage Dragon* grew

It grew so much that, at one point, a pip-squeak named Ba-Goom decided to go to Earth and

defeat the Savage Dragon as a show of power. Though Ba-Goom was considered a giant on his world, on Dragon's world, he was little more than a foot and a half tall.

When Ba-Goom first appeared, it was in the room of Dragon's stepdaughter, Angel. Angel took an immediate liking to the cute little red guy and started calling him "Mr. Glum," a name, which he did not find at all objectionable, it being a rough translation of his own name into English.

In any case, Glum attempted to kill Dragon on numerous occasions with generally ridiculous results and Dragon thought he was pretty much harmless. For the longest time, he thought Glum was simply some stuffed toy the girl had found and by the time his parents realized he was a living being, it was too late to tear him apart from Angel who had become hopelessly attached to him.

And then came the God Gun.

The God Gun is a weapon that allows whoever fires it three wishes. It was carried by a superhero named Sgt. Marvel who had used it twice. Once to terminate the life of Solar-Man, a superhero gone mad that had more power than God and wanted to rule the Earth in order to insure his twisted version of peace and once, resurrecting his wife, whom Solar-Man had killed.

After a particularly violent episode, Sgt. Marvel died and the God Gun fell into the hands of Mr. Glum.

It was during a visit when She-Dragon saw Mr. Glum come out of Dragon's room, God Gun in hand. He had thought of using the gun to finally kill Dragon but had reconsidered when it occurred to him that using it in that way would have wasted its potential. She-Dragon gave chase, he ran downstairs to Rex Dexter's laboratory (which was built UNDER Dragon's house) and he saw to it that she was hurled headlong into Dimension-X through its portal. He tossed her clothing in after her in order to make it appear as if she had simply left the house, taking her belongings with her.

That's how she ended up where she was at the beginning of this yarn.

The three guys on page 10 are G-Man and his pals. These guys appear in a regular comic strip that runs in Savage Dragon. They've been in and out of the Void as well.

Dragon's house was destroyed when Angel told Glum that she wanted "to be big." Angel's mom had finally decided that Mr. Glum presented a serious threat and was insisting that something needed to be done in regard to him. Angel said that this wouldn't happen "if she was big," so Glum went into Rex's lab and made up an elixir that turned her into a thirty-foot tall girl. Needless to say, the house was destroyed.

The after effects were devastating. Angel's mother Jennifer was badly hurt, crippled, in fact, and Rex Dexter appeared to have been killed. Having taken her mother to the hospital, Angel was distraught. She was also gigantic. Glum rummaged through the ruins, taking whatever he thought he could use and moved to a seemingly dilapidated warehouse in an untamed area of Chicago dubbed "the Danger Zone."

The warehouse was the hideout of the Creator. Yes, the very same one who gave She-Dragon her powers all those years ago, and Glum killed him.

He also changed Angel back to her normal size and convinced her to run off with him. She had, after all, "killed rex Dexter," he assured her, and "the police would be after her," or so he said, convincingly.

After that, Glum fired the God Gun, at long last, with the wish that, "every single human being on this stupid world do what I told them to do."

Needless to say, what follows next will be anything but dull.

And if there's any room LEFT after this frantic footnote you should find a couple drawings of some interest.

Enjoy!

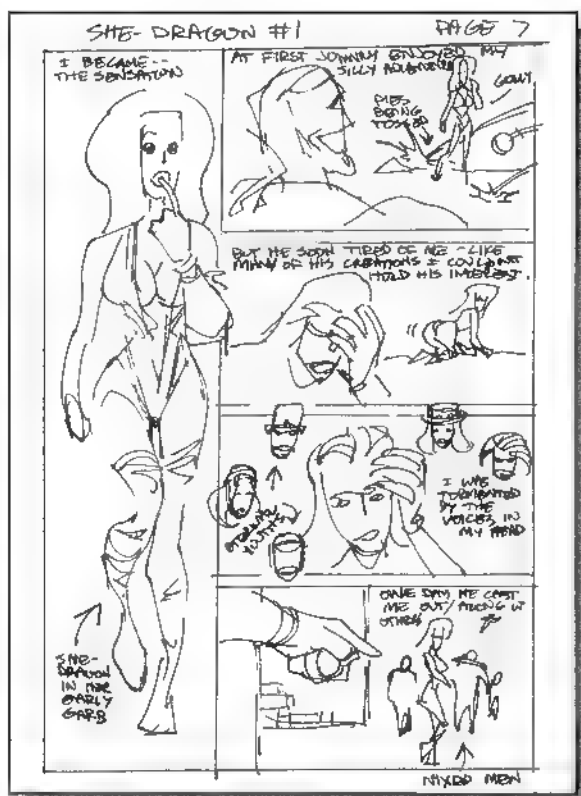
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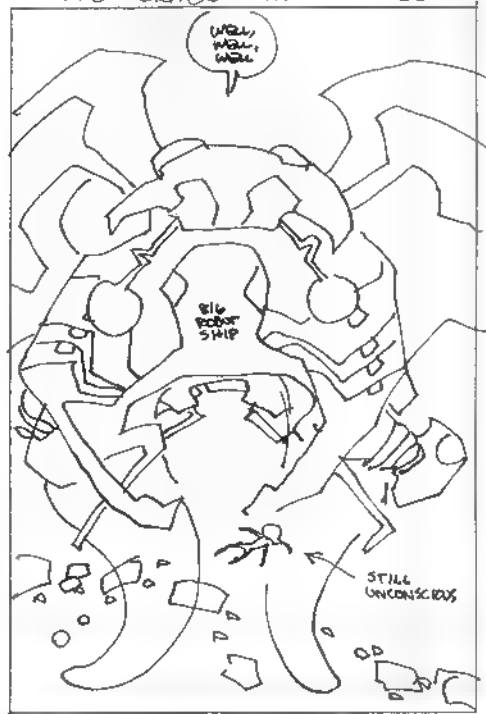
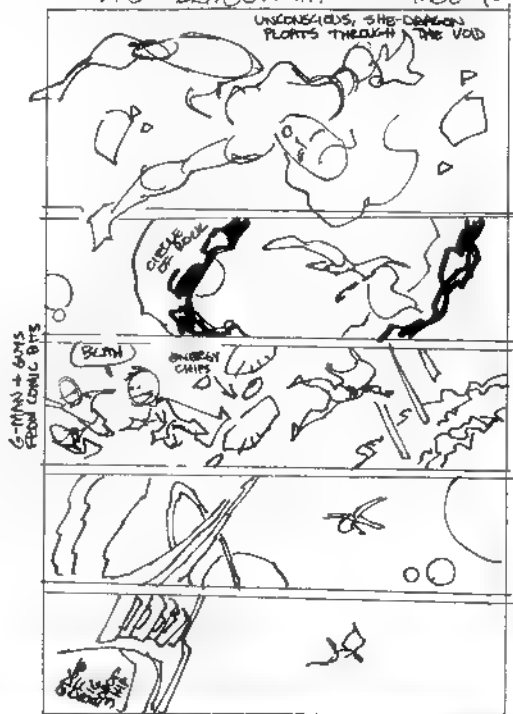
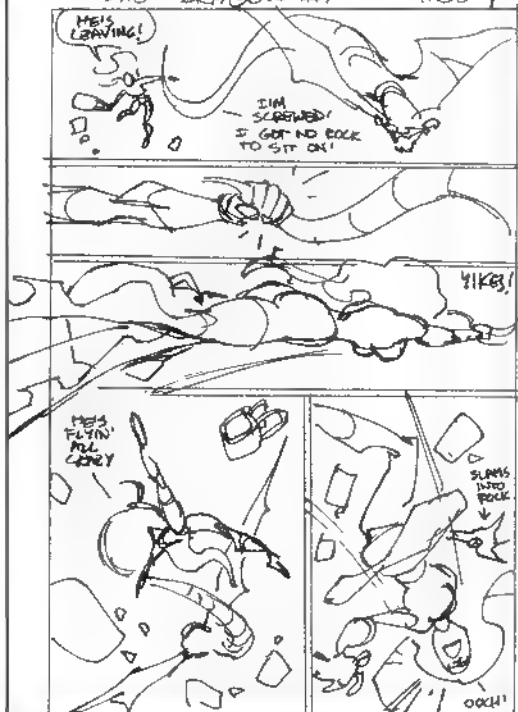
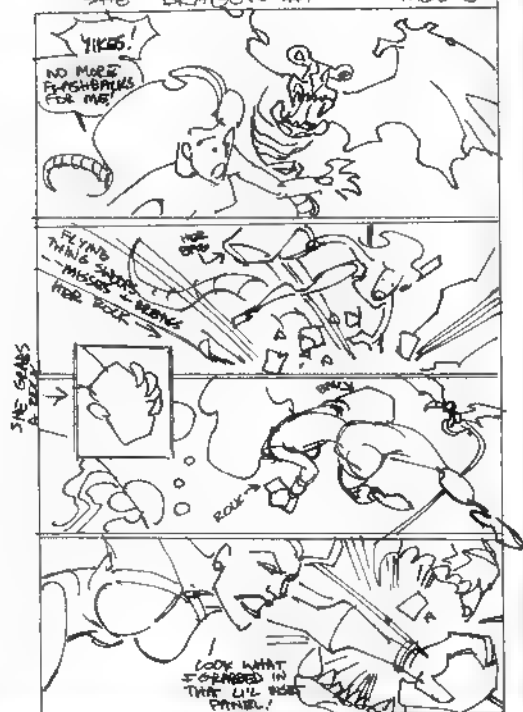


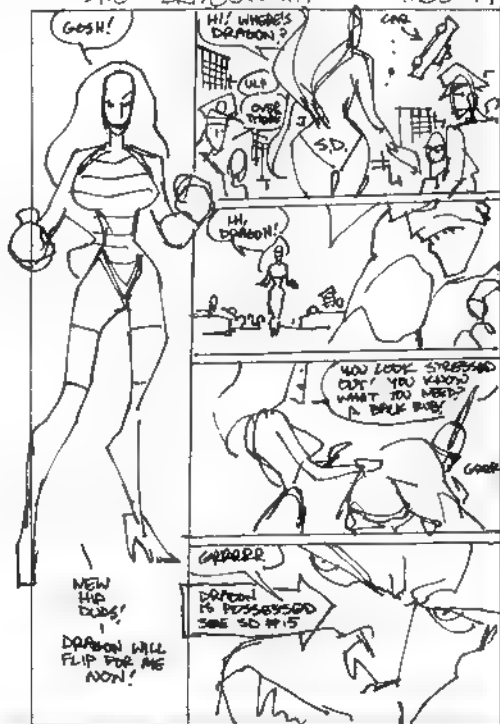
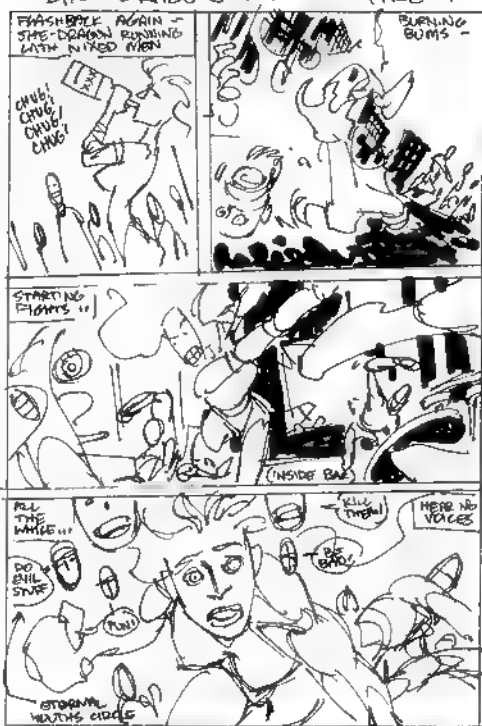
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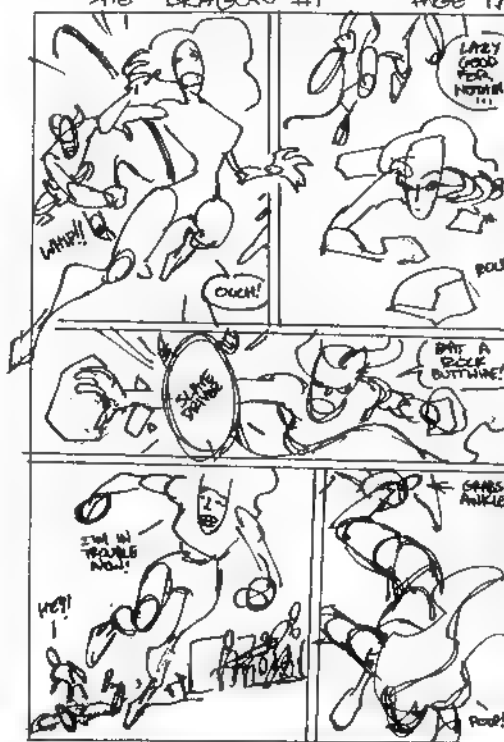
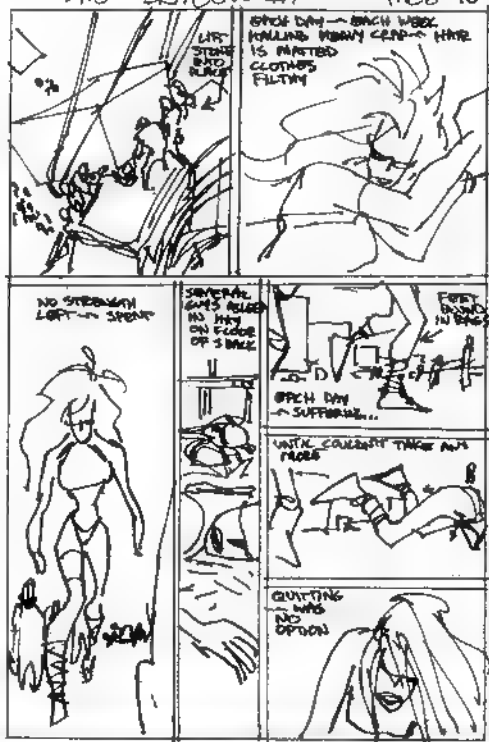
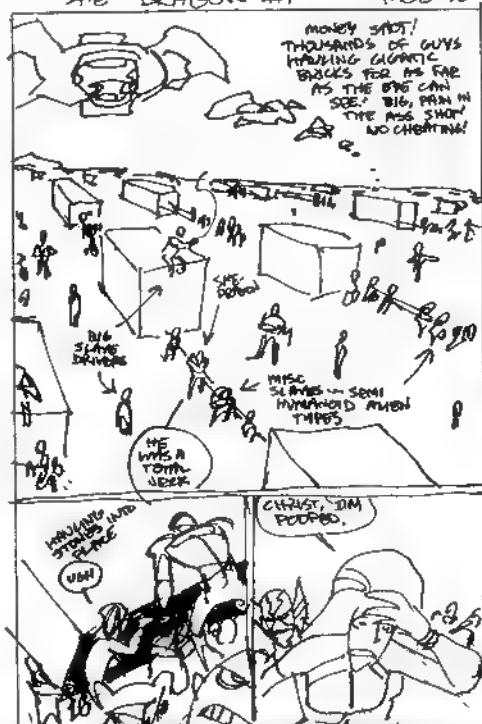
Okay, okay--we just couldn't do it! Yeah, this book was supposed to run 48-pages but there was just so much cool stuff that we wanted you to see that we couldn't leave it at that! We added another 16 pages so we could let you get a gander at some of the swell stuff that went into producing this magnificent mag! Don't say we never gave you anything!

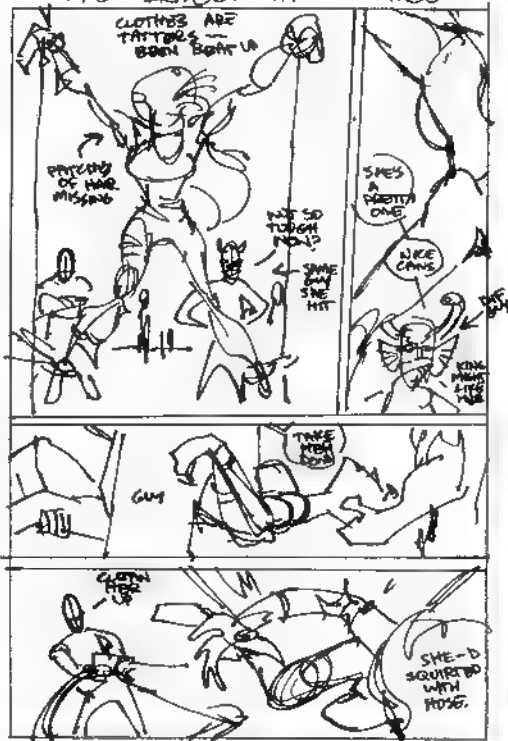
Here are the layouts that Franchesco! worked from (the first four pages were based on pages from Savage Dragon #118--see that issue to check 'em out).









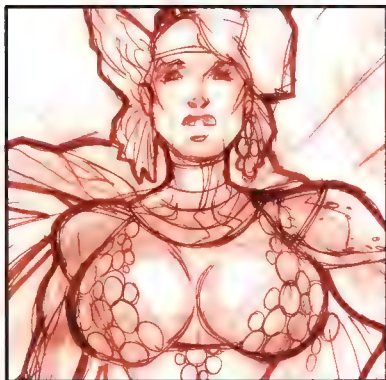






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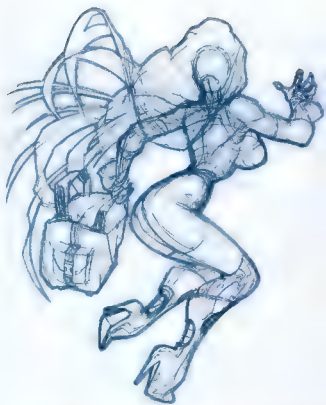
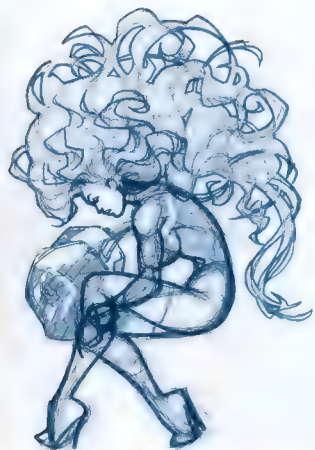
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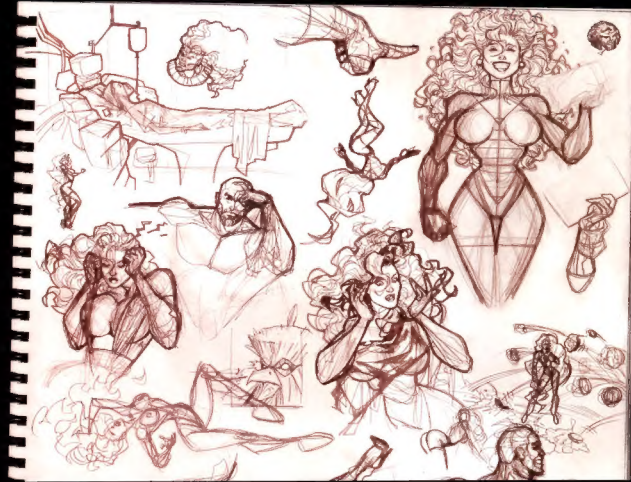




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